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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ACCESSWV NAMED

Charleston - - West Virginia Insurance Commissioner Jane L. Cline announced the appointment today of Alfreda Dempkowski as the Executive Director of AccessWV. AccessWV offers health insurance coverage to West Virginians who have pre-existing, severe or chronic medical conditions as well as for individuals who have lost their insurance through the closing of their employers' business.

Commissioner Cline commented, "I am delighted that we have an outstanding individual with the experience and knowledge to lead this new and important program." AccessWV, formerly called the West Virginia Health Insurance Plan, was created in 2004 by the West Virginia Legislature and guarantees that all West Virginia residents who qualify can purchase health insurance regardless of their current and past health circumstances.

Ms. Dempkowski has extensive experience in health insurance product development, operations and program implementation. She brings more than 15 years of experience in the health insurance industry to AccessWV, with a proven track record of successfully developing and coordinating distribution of new products. Since moving to West Virginia in 2001, Ms. Dempkowski has served as a consultant, providing research and grant development services to health care clients, including the West Virginia Health Care Authority, the West Virginia Public Employees Insurance Agency and the West Virginia University Health Sciences Center.

Ms. Dempkowski is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and earned her Master's of Public Health in Health Services Administration from Yale University.

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